the farmers by way of writing off loans in times of successive natural calamities.

Inter-ministerial Committee for the problems of elderly persons

1864 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inter-ministerial Committee is considering the problems related to the elderly persons and also the suggestions of the Round Table Conference If so what programme for action and longterm policy it has envisaged.

(b) when did the Round Table Conference take place, who had participated in it, what were its suggestions and how do these compare with the amenities that the elderly persons receive in the U. K and the USA; and

(c) when was the inter-ministerial committee constituted, who are its members, how many meetings it has held and the specific work done by it so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON) (a) Yes, Sir The committee is required to submit its report by September, 1989

(b) A Round Table discussion was held in December, 1986. The discussion was neither organised nor sponsored 'by the Ministry of Welfare and, therefore no record of participants is maintained by this Ministry The suggestions related to the various welfare aspects of the welfare of the aged No comparison has been made with the amenities in the U K and USA

(c) Inter-ministerial Committee was constituted on 18 September 1987 It is an official committee consisting of ex-officio members representing the Ministry of Welfare, Health, Labour, Transport, Urban Development, Finance, Rural Development, Planning Commission and Deptt. of Education, Personnel So far, two meetings of the Committee have been held.

Demands of States for relief measures to meet natural calamities

1865 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the demands of various States and Union Territories for relief measures to meet the devastation caused by natural calamities during each of the last three years and the current year, yearwise, what were the amounts recommended by the Central Teams and what were the amounts sanctioned by the Central Government to different States and on which accounts,

(b) what amounts were actually released and what were the utilisation rates, and

(c) the guidelines in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Increase in milk prices

1866. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) what was the selling prices of milk in Delhi sold by DMS as on September 8

1983, April 9, 1988 and December 31, 1988,

(b) to what extent the Mother Dairy had increased its prices of milk each time since September 1, 1983 and on what dates, and

(c) whether any study/estimates have been made of the impact of recent hike in milk prices on the salaried people's monthly budget for purchases of curd, khoya, Paneer, Bangali Sweets, tea, coffee, milk for children and patients and also on the annual budget of families below poverty line, if so, what are the estimated details, if not, why ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) The sale proce of Toned milk sold by Delhi Milk Scheme as on September 8, 1983, April 9, 1988 and December 31, 1988, were as follows:—

	(Rs./litre)
8.9 1983	1.80
9.4.1988	3 30
31.12 1988	4.50

(b) The sale price of Toned milk sold by Mother Dairy since 1 9 1983 are as under:—

	(Rs./litre)
As on 1 9 1983	2 70
From 1 4 1984	2 80
From 9 4 1985	3 40
From 1 7 1985	3 50
From 30 12 1988	5 00

(c) No study or estimates have been made of the impact of the recent price hike on different economic segments of the population, as the increase was effected to rationalise the prices.

Progress of Million Wells Schemes

1867. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Statewise progress of the Million Wells Scheme for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as a subscheme of the National Rural Employment Programme and the Rural landless Employment Gurantee Programme, what were the Statewise targets for the year 1988-89 and also that have been fixed for the following year out of the million under the scheme, how many will remain to be sunk and operated;

(b) how the Scheme has helped the SC and ST and also the other weaker sections of the society;

(c) the statewise area belonging to small and marginal farmers of SC and ST which has been provided irrigation from the open wells, free of cost under the Scheme, and

(d) the facilities provided to them to up-lift water for irrigation from these open wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) The targets fixed and achievements made under Million Wells Scheme are as given in the statement enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No 103] The number of wells which remains to be sunk and operate at the end of the current year will be known after the close of the year Targets similar to the current year are likely to be fixed for the 1989-90 also

(b) The Million Wells Scheme is meant to benefit only the small and marginal